Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—Apart from the Sub-Assistant Surgeon's grade, the District Registrars are in four different grades?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—There are many other officers who are in different grades doing the same kind of work. The District Registrars are not in any way something different.

Officers to whom loans were advanced in 1111 M.E.

121. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of officers in the State to whom loans were given by the State for the purchase of cars or for building houses or for any other purpose in 1111?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts).*—A statement containing the required information is appended. *(Appendix III).*

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—What are the conditions under which loans are granted to these officers?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts).*—With regard to house advances the property should be mortgaged to Government.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur.)*—What I want is the rate of interest and the conditions of repayment ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts).*—Rate of interest is 6½ per cent. The maximum period is 100 months in the case of house loans and in the case of conveyance loans it is 40 months.

Government shares in limited Companies.

122. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether they have taken any shares in any limited Company after the last Budget Session; and if so, the names of such Company or Companies with the face value of the shares taken?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts).*—No.

Concessions—Cochin Furniture Company, Ltd.

123. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(1) whether they have promised to give any concessions to the Cochin Furniture Company, Ltd.; and

(2) if so, what they are?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—(1) and (2) Yes. Government have agreed as an experimental measure for a period of one year to supply to the company 3,500 candies of rosewood at a rate of Rs. 16 per candy for logs of 12 vannams and below and 2,000 candies of white cedar at Rs. 14 per candy. Though a maximum girth of 12 vannams has been laid down, the bulk of the requirements of the company will be of small dimensions ranging from 4 to 8 vannams. It has been made a condition that the company should not resell the timber to other persons either inside or outside the State and that the timber supplied must be used by the company solely for furniture making. The company has been given the assurance that if the experiment for one year is successful, every consideration will be shown to the company in the matter of giving a steady supply at reasonable rates.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Sir, who are the promoters or managing-agents of this company?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—The managing agents are one Indira and Co., Madras.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Is it a private limited company or a public limited company?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—I am sorry I have not the information.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Is the Government aware that furniture-making is a sort of cottage industry throughout the State, particularly in the outskirts of the Trichur Town?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Are they not aware that a concern like this will affect that cottage industry adversely?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—A concern like this will not affect the prospects of the Cottage industry.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas South).*—Are the Government aware that the train will affect the motor-car traffic?

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Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—I will explain. The idea in accepting this offer is to avail this opportunity to see if the toplings etc., of timber which are now being absolutely wasted can be utilised for such purposes and be made a source of income to us. Under this condition only small pieces of 8 or 12 vannams and about 3½ kols in length are to be supplied. There is no demand at all for these things. A good lot of toplings are wasted every year. Government has taken this opportunity to test and make it a source of income. It has been stated that it is as an experimental measure that we have entered into this undertaking.

Mr. P. Raman Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu).*—Will not the Government supply this wood to other persons?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests.)*—Of course.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Is the timber supplied at the spot or at the depot?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—At the depot. It will be supplied at the Trichur depot.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ *(Ezhuvas South).*— ഇതിനുമുമ്പ് ഇവിടെനിന്നും അപേക്ഷ കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. നാരായണമേനോൻ *(Conservator of Forests).*— ആരും അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ *(Ezhuvas South).*— ഇപ്പോൾ മാത്രമേ കിട്ടീട്ടുള്ളൂ അല്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. നാരായണമേനോൻ *(Conservator of Forests).*— അതെ, ഇപ്പോൾ മാത്രമേ കിട്ടീട്ടുള്ളൂ.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Sir, may I know what the price of one candy of rose-wood of the size of 12 vannams, at Trichur is ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—By simply saying a piece of 12 vannams, it is difficult to mention the price. It also depends upon the length, quality and upon the market conditions. It may be between Rs. 8 to Rs. 12. It is practically a large-sized wood and not timber only. In one particular instance you may get 20 to 25 rupees. But the average price will be 8 to 12 rupees.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—What the Government will have to spend for that?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*).—It also depends upon the locality from which we get it.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—The delivery is at Trichur to this company. I am asking what will be the Government price?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*).—The stock to be delivered is mostly from the stock left at Parambikulam and which have been absolutely of no use till now. Approximately the cost of collection, transport, etc., will come to 10 to 12 rupees per candy and the Government stands to gain 5 or 6 rupees.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—What is the market price at the place?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*).—It is very difficult to say for the demand for rosewood is fluctuating. Sometimes you will have to sell it for Rs. 5 or Rs. 6. The average may be taken as Rs. 8 to Rs. 12 for this small-sized timber.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Did not the Government make any attempt to induce the Cochin people to by with these concessions before they gave these concessions to a foreign company?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forest*).—There was no demand for this. If at all there were demands it was only for small quantities. Government have not received such a large demand like the one as they have received now.

Mr. President.—Government would welcome any offer from anybody and further they are making money out of a thing which is allowed to rot in the forests.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Did the Government induce the local people to come forward before they actually came to terms with this foreign company?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—Is it the duty of the Government to induce the people?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി (*Trichur South*).— ഈ കരാറിൽ ഏറ്റവും കൂടുതൽ വണ്ണം ഫാ എന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതുപോലെ നീളം എത്ര വേണമെന്നു കരാറുണ്ടോ?

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മിസ്റ്റർ ടി.നാരായണമേനോൻ *(Conservator of Forests)*.—കമ്പനിക്കാരുടെ കണ്ടീഷൻപ്രകാരം ര മുതൽ വ വരെ വണ്ണം വേണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി *(Trichur South)*.—അങ്ങനെയാണെങ്കിൽ ഫ വ വണ്ണം വേണമെന്നവക്കുവാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണ്? വണ്ണം കൂടുതലായ സാധനമാണെങ്കിൽ അതിനു വില കൂടുകയില്ലേ? ആ സ്ഥിതിക്ക് ഫ വ വണ്ണം വേണമെന്നു വച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതിന്റെ ആവശ്യമെന്താണ്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. നാരായണമേനോൻ *(Conservator of Forests)*.— അതിനു കാരണമുണ്ട്. മരങ്ങളെല്ലാം പലതരത്തിലാണ്: മിക്കവാറും അവയുടെ അറവും തലയും വെട്ടിക്കളയുമ്പോൾ കുറെ ഭാഗം വെറുതെ പോകാനിടവരുന്നു. അതിലേക്ക ഫ വ വണ്ണം വച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞാൽ വിഷമമില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടാണ് ഫ വ വണ്ണം എന്നു വച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി *(Trichur South)*.— ര മുതൽ വ വരെ വണ്ണമുള്ളതിനു കൂടുതൽ വിലവരുകയില്ല. ഫ വ വണ്ണമാകുമ്പോൾ കൂടുതൽ വിലയാകയില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. നാരായണമേനോൻ *(Conservator of Forests)*.— ര മുതൽ വ വരെ വണ്ണമുള്ളതിനു എന്നു ശ്രുപാ വില വരികയില്ല. ഫ വ വണ്ണം വച്ചാൽ മാത്രമേ ആ വില വരികയുള്ളൂ. ആ വില കിട്ടുവാൻ വേണ്ടിയാണ് മാക്സിമം ഫ വ വണ്ണം എന്നുവച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി *(Trichur South)* ഇതുവരെ മരം കൊടുക്കുകയുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. നാരായണമേനോൻ *(Conservator of Forests)*.— ഇല്ല.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*.—When the vannam is less than 12 you get the same price?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*.—Of course.

Mr. President.—Later on when the Company starts work and the Government make this people to work under this contract, at the lapse of one year if the House so desires, it will form a committee of this House to examine these transactions. Government have nothing to hide.

Original works—Panchayats—distribution of amounts.

124. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthy)*.—Will the Government be pleased to follow a fixed policy in the distri-

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